

## BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §§ 40-360, et seg., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE TS-5 TO TS-9 500/230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH ORIGINATES AT THE FUTURE TS-5 SUBSTATION, LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST AND TERMINATES AT THE FUTURE TS-9 SUBSTATION, LOCATED IN SECTION 33. TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, IN

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**CASE NO. 138** 

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PROCEDURAL ORDER (Reschedules a Hearing)

## BY THE COMMISSION:

MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

On March 17, 2009, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 70850 in Line Siting Case No. 138, granting Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing it to construct approximately 40 miles of 500/230 kV transmission line and ancillary facilities beginning at the TS-5/Sun Valley Substation, located in the west half of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, and ending at the TS-9/Morgan Substation, located in Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 1 East. The CEC was granted subject to a number of conditions, among them requirements for APS to file its Application for any necessary rights-of-way across Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD") property within 12 months of the effective date of the CEC, to construct the 500 kV circuit within seven years, and to construct the 230 kV circuit within 10 years.

On April 14, 2010, the Commission issued Decision No. 71645, amending Decision No. 70850 to extend by 12 months the deadline for APS to file its Application for rights-of-way across ASLD property.

<sup>1</sup> SFI Grand Vista, LLC is the successor to Surprise Grand Vista JVI, LLC.

On July 17, 2014, APS filed an Application to Amend Arizona Corporation Commission Decision No. 70850 Re CEC 138 and Request for Extension of CEC Term ("Application to Amend CEC"). In its Application to Amend CEC, APS requested four modifications to the CEC itself as well as an extension of the deadlines to construct both the 500 kV circuit and the 230 kV circuit.

On August 12, 2014, the Commission voted to reopen Decision No. 70850 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-252 and directed the Commission's Hearing Division to hold a procedural conference to discuss scheduling and other procedural issues.

On September 4, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference to be held on September 18, 2014, at the Commission's offices in Phoenix. This was subsequently rescheduled, pursuant to an APS request.

On October 6, 2014, a procedural conference was held, with APS, ASLD, SFI Grand Vista, LLC ("SFI Grand Vista"), the City of Peoria ("Peoria"), Diamond Ventures, Inc. ("DVI"), and the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") appearing through counsel. The remaining parties did not attend.

On October 10, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling, among other things, a hearing to commence on December 16, 2014, and continue, if necessary, on December 18 and 19, 2014.

On December 9, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference to discuss potential scheduling conflicts with the Commission Open Meetings scheduled on December 18 and 19, 2014.

On December 11, 2014, a procedural conference was held, as scheduled, with APS, ASLD, SFI Grand Vista, Peoria, DVI, and Staff appearing through counsel. At the procedural conference, counsel for APS, DVI, and Staff indicated that the Open Meetings caused scheduling conflicts with the December 18 and 19, 2014, hearing dates. Although APS and Staff expressed optimism that the hearing could be concluded on December 16, 2014, SFI Grand Vista opined that more than one day of hearing would likely be needed due to the anticipated amounts of cross-examination and public

comment. The parties discussed alternative hearing dates and agreed to reschedule the hearing for January 20 and 21, 2015.<sup>2</sup> Since APS provided public notice of the hearing, the December 16, 2014, hearing date will be preserved to take public comment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in the above-captioned matter is hereby rescheduled to commence on January 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's office, 1200 West Washington St., Hearing Room No. 1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 and shall continue, if necessary, on January 21, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing date scheduled for **December 16, 2014**, shall be preserved solely for the purpose of taking of **public comment**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing dates scheduled for **December 18 and 19**, **2014**, are hereby **vacated**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113-Unauthorized Communications) continues to apply to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31, 38, and 42 with respect to practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for discussion unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The parties agreed to commence the hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2015. If the hearing continues on January 21, 2014, counsel for SFI Grand Vista requested that the hearing resume in the afternoon due to a scheduling conflict.

1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend	
2	or waive any portion of this Procedural Order	either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
3	hearing.	
4	DATED this day of December, 2	2014.
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